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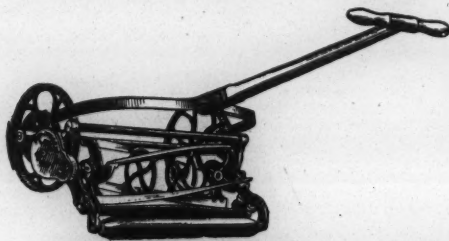
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Editorial.

THIS month the American clubwoman's password is "Federation," and when one takes the trouble to analyze the word, one finds that it enfolds within itself another word which has been a part of woman's equipment since the world began; that word is "helpfulness." Federation is nothing more or less than helpfulness, and helpfulness is really civilization. The clubwoman has not discovered a new view of woman's sphere—she is merely putting old ideas into practical application, and by so doing is opening up a wider area of happiness for all mankind. So, call it what one may, civilization, helpfulness, or Federation, the idea raises humanity many steps on the ladder of development, and woman gladly bears her share in the high endeavors of the day.

THE first of May will find two large Southern Federations of Women's Clubs in annual convention, namely, those of North and South Carolina.

THE North Carolina Federation will hold its Fourth Annual Convention at Charlotte, May 1st-4th, and Charlotte clubwomen have made most attractive arrangements for the meeting. Although the North Carolina Federation is only four years old, its progress and plans would do credit to a much older organization. The "Old North State" is ever to the front in all endeavors that are praiseworthy, or helpful to humanity, and North Carolina clubwomen are ably sustaining this reputation of their State, along all lines of club work. The club idea is developing rapidly, in North Carolina, and under the enthusiastic and capable direction of Mrs. J. T. Alderman, of Henderson, the State President, the North Carolina Federation will have a splendid record of work to report at the St. Paul Biennial. The KEYSTONE, as the official Spokesman for North Carolina clubwomen in the club world, will count it one of its greatest privileges to speak for so active, capable and representative a body of Southern women.

SOUTH Carolina clubwomen will gather in their Eighth Annual Convention, at Rock Hill, S. C., May 1st-4th. This meeting will be of great interest, in many ways, as the Reformatory School Committee will report the happy culmination of its endeavors. The subject of Civics has made great strides in the past Federation year, and the programs arranged for all the departments in their sessions will give ample opportunity for discussion and conference among delegates. The visit of the North Carolina Federation President, Mrs. Alderman, at one session, is anticipated with the greatest pleasure, as this reciprocity among speakers between the two States is most gratifying, since South Carolina will be represented at one session of the North Carolina meeting by Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, an ex-State President of the South Carolina Federation and now the Corresponding Secretary of the General Federation.

South Carolina may point with pride to the work of her clubwomen. In age, her Federation stands among the pioneer Southern Federations, and in number of

clubs, she is excelled in the Southern Federations only by the States of Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas. As to material results, the work of the South Carolina Federation in education, library extension, for children, for reciprocity in club life, for civics, in fact for all the most advanced philanthropic and civic movements of the day are recorded in the every-day life of every section of the State. The KEYSTONE owes its first impulse to this Federation. Our first issue appeared at the First Annual Convention of this Federation, and we were adopted on sight by this body of progressive women. Since then other women's organizations have taken us into the fold of their activities, but South Carolina clubwomen first stamped us with their approval, and by this act bound us to their true and loyal service for all time. Each of these conventions, in North and South Carolina, may be depended upon to bring forth good fruit, and to be a blessing to the communities in which they are meeting.

AS the month for the St. Paul Biennial has arrived, interest in the great meeting is crystalizing, in the form of definite plans for various delegations attending that Convention. All the States represented by the Keystone report that they will send full delegations. The final details, as to railway rates, etc., for this meeting, may be found in the official General Federation notes carried in the Keystone. If the State Conventions broaden and deepen the human sympathy of the clubwoman, how much more so will this great Inter-State Convention contribute to her development! Those who appreciate the benefits of such meetings will doubtless attend in large numbers, and those who will for the first time make the acquaintance of the American Clubman at a Biennial, are promised unlimited possibilities for information, education, and social enjoyment.

ONE of the most interesting phases of the late reform movement in Philadelphia elections was the fact that thirty women were chosen to the Philadelphia school board. The women chosen have in every case been women interested in the great educational problems of the day, either practically or through studious research on the subject, and there is little doubt but that the interest of the children of Philadelphia will not suffer but will be most carefully guarded and advanced by the presence of such women among the directors of the schools of that city.

THERE is no nationality which is marked by a stronger individuality, and more interesting characteristics, than that of the Irish. The women of Ireland today vote for all officers in that country, with the exception of Members of Parliament, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin is not only a member of the Irish Woman's Suffrage Association, but also presides at its Annual Meetings.

Dear Keystone:

Enclosed find fifty cents for the renewal of my subscription to the "Keystone". I always look forward to its coming and think this issue quite interesting.

Mrs. J. W. Quattlebaum, Anderson, S. C.

The Keystone:

Please let me renew my subscription to *The Keystone* while I think of it. I would not miss it for several times the price.
Louise T. Murrill, 2nd Vice President N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs,
Charlotte, N. C. April 19th, 1906.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS.

For the State Federations of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina and Florida.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. Julius M. Visanska, Cor. Sec. S. C. F. W. C., 2 Bull Street, Charleston, S. C., *Manager*.

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70 Clubs—2,700 Members.

THE State Corresponding Secretary has sent out invitations to the Rock Hill Convention. These have been extended to the officers and directors of the General Federation and to the presidents of all State Federations. Credential Cards and Instruction Slips have also been sent to all officers and chairmen of the State Federation, and also to the president of every federated club in the State.

Delegates will be welcomed from three new clubs this year. The newly admitted organizations are, The Woman's Literary Club, of Gaffney; The Tuesday Afternoon Club, of Ridgeway; and The Civic Improvement League, of Summerville.

As the date of the Annual Convention of the S. C. Federation of Women's Clubs approaches, interest in that event increases, and the eyes of the State's Clubwomen are turning toward hospitable Rock Hill, whose guests the Federation will be from May 1st to 4th.

The local committees of Rock Hill have arranged most charming social entertainment for their visitors, and from the programme of business, as prepared by the Executive Board, and published in last month's Keystone, our delegates will find their time well employed, and hours of work and play evenly divided, with a view to accomplishing the greatest amount of work, with the least possible waste of valuable time or effort on the part of those who regard, with the proper amount of seriousness, the duties and responsibilities of a conscientious delegate.

THE CIVIC LEAGUE OF SUMMERVILLE is progressing finely. They have over \$50 in bank, and will start immediately to hire a man to pick up papers and cans in the streets, and a committee has been appointed to plant flowers and shrubs in the park by the station. A Junior Civic League has been organized, and Miss Elizabeth Taylor and Miss Kate Kerr were appointed a committee to visit the schools and interest the children in civic work. Every child who joins the League is given a button with a pine tree in the centre, and Junior Civic League, Summerville, S. C., around the edge. 250 of these buttons, designed by Miss Marie Bacot, of Charleston, have been ordered and are being distributed. Miss Taylor spoke before the children of the graded school, and at Miss Brownfield's school, and over one hundred children are members of the Junior League. Two weeks ago the Civic League decided to federate with the State.

E. M. T.

THE AUF WEDERSEHEN Club, of Edgefield, says: "We have just received a *splendid* box of books from Miss Sara Bingham, and appreciate it *very much*. We are putting in a new book case, and have nearly 800 volumes. The circulation increases steadily, and we are very proud

of our success. We are going to send a box of magazines to the poor house in a few days.

THE CALHOUN Study Club is a new club recently formed in Anderson; it has applied for membership in the State Federation.

THE PERIHELION CLUB, ROCK HILL, has passed another year. The officers elected for this year are: Mrs. A. E. Smith, President; Mrs. B. Wilson, Vice President; Mrs. Stevens, Recording Secretary; Mrs. B. Wilson, Jr., Treasurer; Mrs. H. B. Buist, Corresponding Secretary.

The program at last meeting was as follows: "Answer to Roll Call"—Goethe. Quotations on some incident of his life. Paper by Mrs. Alice Smith, "Old Fritz and the New Era." Paper by Mrs. H. B. Buist, "German Literature." Current Events, by Mrs. W. L. Roddy. Delegates were elected to the Federation Convention that meets in Rock Hill in May: Mrs. A. E. Smith, Mrs. Hugh Buist; Alternate, Mrs. W. L. Roddy.

THE CATAWBA CHAPTER, D. A. R., ROCK HILL, met with Mrs. Alice Smith, on Saturday afternoon. The most important business was collection for the South Carolina Column to be erected in Washington, D. C. The following officers were elected: Mrs. H. B. Buist, Regent, elected for the ninth time; Mrs. W. L. Roddy, Vice Regent; Mrs. T. L. Johnston, Historian; Mrs. Willie Hutchinson, Registrar; Mrs. J. F. Reid, Treasurer; Mrs. Steel, Secretary. Delegates to Washington were elected: Mrs. H. B. Buist; Alternates: Mrs. Wm. Hutchinson, Mrs. T. A. Crawford, Mrs. Schraw.

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Mississippi to Mrs. E. C. Coleman, Kosciusko, *Manager*.

President—Mrs. Robt. E. Jones, Crystal Springs.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. F. Andre, Crystal Springs.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. J. Harding, Jackson, Miss

35 Clubs.

THE Ninth Annual Convention of the Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs met in Crystal Springs, the home town of the State President, and the famous meeting place of the Southern Chautauqua, on the morning of April 18th.

The President, Mrs. Robert E. Jones, called the body to order. Blessings upon the proposed work were invoked by the Rev. H. W. Featherstun. A cordial and graceful welcome was extended to the visiting delegates and friends, by Mrs. M. M. Todd, President of the Floral Club.

Sweet music, vocal and instrumental, on the piano and with stringed instruments, was given by the Beethoven Club of Crystal Springs, on this and other occasions. Other towns would do well to follow the example of that delightful organization.

Mrs. Christian, President of the little Fortnightly Club, Meridian, responded to the greetings.

Mr. A. Lotterhos, a prominent citizen, braved the occasion and made every one feel happy that they were present. Miss Featherstun pleased all with a charming solo. To the Roll Call of the federated clubs, the delegates responded with mottoes.

In the afternoon a pleasant drive was enjoyed by the visitors.

The Chautauqua Grounds verdant, inviting, the many beautiful homes, vine trellised and flower wreathed, made a rare picture for the happy participants. The opening session was splendidly attended. The department of Federation work made gratifying reports.

The Chairman of Education, Mrs. M. Michlenberger, of Okolona, made a most interesting report, showing that eight worthy girls, are being educated through the efforts of the Federation, and letters from these girls were read to the Convention. More interest is shown in this department by the clubs than ever before, and more real work has been accomplished along this line of the Federation activity.

Libraries are being circulated largely. Mrs. C. L. Anderson, Kosciusko, has given much valuable time to that end. She had a sample of a traveling library in a case, on exhibition. It was fine, and club women so fortunate as to have been delegates, will probably act on the splendid suggestion given by Mrs. Anderson.

In the Legislative Work, the Chairman, Mrs. Brooks F. Small and committee did noble work. But our men will have to be aroused upon the subject of Child Labor sentiment. A motion was carried to observe a Child Labor Day in the clubs, looking to successful results at another session of the legislature.

The faithful Chairman on the Art Committee, Miss Lemly, Jackson, reported four clubs, having an Art department. Interest has been slow in awakening, but encouraging signs are surely perceptible. The Jackson Art Study Club, has two collections of mounted pictures, names and descriptions attached to each picture. They are to be a loan collection for any club desiring them.

Miss Marie W. Henry, Jackson, gave an excellent report of interest created in music.

The chairmen and committees have earned the praise of the Federation in the good work accomplished. A few short years ago, and no attention was drawn to these various lines. But the seeds are sown broadcast and who shall say what the harvest will be!

Mrs. E. C. Coleman, Kosciusko, Manager of Mississippi Column of THE KEYSTONE, in her report, urged club-members to send material; to appoint secretaries to send her regular reports without being solicited each time. A larger number of subscriptions to THE KEYSTONE was also urged. Mrs. Coleman has been a power in the Federation. No more earnest, hearty work has been done by any other member since its organization.

All the old officers were re-elected except Miss Alexander, of Kosciusko, and Mrs. G. S. Beall, Durant, whose terms of office had expired; their places were filled by Mrs. A. F. Andre, Crystal Springs, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Doughtie, Meridian, Treasurer.

The delegates selected to represent the Mississippi Federation at the St. Paul Biennial were: Mrs. R. S. Jones, President, Crystal Springs; Mrs. Hebron, Vicksburg; Mrs. McNair, Brookhaven; Mrs. Chestnutt, Kosciusko; Alternates, Mrs. Bell, Durant; Mrs. Turnage, Belzoni; Miss Marie Henry, Jackson. The Federation voted to hold a Woman's Club Day at the Mississippi Chautauqua, which meets at Crystal Springs in July. A committee, consisting of Mrs. Dampeer, Crystal Springs;

Mrs. Miller, Hazelhurst; Miss Ragsdale, Brookhaven; Mrs. Tompson, Jackson; Mrs. Chestnutt, Kosciusko, was appointed to arrange for this day.

Resolutions of thanks were read, for the hospitality and kindness accorded. The social functions were tasteful and elegant.

An informal reception Tuesday evening, at the home of Mrs. Howells, introduced the delegates and local club women. The formal reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Andre, welded the common bond, and good byes and handshakes have created new ties and new inspirations in the grand old State of Mississippi. Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, S. C., sent a report on Reciprocity work. Miss Poppenheim has certainly been interested in the Federation, and the officers feel that she is no stranger, so kind and helpful has she been. It was a regret to them that she could not accept the invitation to be present upon this occasion. A Reciprocity Day was suggested, and the fact was brought out that, if more subscriptions for the *Keystone* were taken by each Club, a better knowledge of the work of the Federation would be created, and growth and progress would follow.

Thirty delegates were in attendance; thirty-five clubs are federated.

SALLIE JOHNSTON HARDING,
Rec. Sec. M. W. C.

FOR THE YEAR 1905-06, the Educational Committee of the M. F. W. C. has expended the sum of one hundred and eighty-five dollars and twenty-five cents (\$185.25)

This sum has assisted seven worthy and deserving girls at the I. I. & C. at Columbus, Miss., and one at the Synodical College at Holly Springs, Miss. We have been able to do more in this line the past year than any heretofore, and hope to increase the good work with each succeeding year. We hope to get all the clubs in the Federation interested enough to contribute to this fund, so that our benefits will be more widespread and far-reaching.

The money contributed is a free-will offering, no stipulated amount being given, and each year the donations have been more liberal, ranging in amounts from five to fifty dollars. This, we hope, to be our banner year. I have had letters from two of our beneficiaries expressing appreciation and thanks for the assistance which enables them to obtain an education that otherwise would be beyond their reach.

Dr. Raymond, of the Synodical College, at Holly Springs, has renewed his offer for a partial scholarship for another year, and Dr. Beeson, of Meridian Female College, has repeated his generous offer—a free scholarship. Dr. Beeson has given the Federation the benefit of this scholarship for several years, on the condition that he be allowed to select the girl.

These worthy gentlemen are due the thanks of the entire M. F. W. C.

MRS. M. MECKLENBURGER,
Chairman Educational Committee.

THE SECOND YEAR OF MY SERVICE as Chairman of the Art Committee has passed all too swiftly and, looking back, I feel that little has been accomplished.

On account of the fever our club year opened late, and little was done before the holidays. Then an earnest

effort was made to place an Art Exhibition with the different clubs, and much correspondence ensued, with little response. One club only, Vicksburg Twentieth Century, said, "We want it." A few others took the matter under advisement. So that was the end of the Exhibition. It is hoped, however, only for the time. I wish to report—46 letters written, as against 40 last year; 18 letters received, as against 22 last year; 9 clubs heard from, as against 8 last year. I find the only Art Club in the Federation is the Art Study Club, Jackson. Clubs with an Art Department, are—New Century—West Point; Twentieth Century—Kosciusko; Woman's Club—Goodman; Woman's Club—Verona. Two new names have been added, by the President, to the Art Committee—Mrs. N. H. Allen—Goodman; Mrs. W. C. White—West Point.

It is hoped, with added force, new strength will be gained, and better work accomplished another year.

Respectfully submitted,

BESSIE CARRIE LEMLY, Chairman.

THE DELEGATES FROM Jackson were Mrs. A. C. Leigh, Miss Sallie McNair, Miss Marie Henry, and Mrs. C. Thompson, also Mrs. R. J. Harding and Miss Bessie Carrie Lemley.

The Art Study Club, of Jackson, had *Faience* for the subject of the April meeting.

The Cluny Museum and its treasures were described by Miss Laurie Plunket. Miss Sallie McNair told of the pottery at Sevres. Mrs. C. H. Alexander discussed fully and most delightfully the subject of French *Faience*. The following was the program of the next meeting: "The Two Arches," Mrs. Hollingsworth. "The Louvre," Miss Miller. "Fountains and Squares," Mrs. J. A. Jones. "The Pantheon," Mrs. Harper. "American Art" will be the subject studied next year.

OUR CLUB HAS been keeping the even tenor of its way, this year, enjoying the Bay View Course on Russia and Japan. At our last meeting we determined to appoint a Committee on Civic Improvement, and directed our Secretary to send to the Civic Improvement League, of Columbia, S. C., for their booklet, prepared by Kelsey and Guild, on the subject. (This booklet was noticed in *Keystone*.) It is hard to give any items of a strictly Study Club, and it seems we are too timid, too old-fashioned, to attempt to interfere in what has always been left undone by men.

Since the failure of the Child Labor Bill to become law, it behooves all the women of the State to go to work, and never cease, until every voter understands what Child Labor is, and what its results are; this is no longer an open question, where it has been studied, and the reproach of ignorance should be removed from our State. That subject, and the treatment of prisoners rouse me to indignation. Sincerely yours,

Vicksburg, Miss.

E. M. HEBRON.

TWO OF THE TRAVELING libraries belonging to the Fortnightly Club, of Meridian, were destroyed and scattered to the winds, by the recent cyclone.

THE M'COMB DELEGATES to the Federation meeting were Mrs. J. B. Alford, Mrs. B. Heidenrich, Mrs. P. M. Fugler.

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for North Carolina to Mrs. T. M. Pittman, Henderson, N. C.

President—Mrs. J. T. Alderman, Henderson, N. C.

Recording Secretary—Miss Margaret L. Gibson, Wilmington, N. C.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. Hill Parham, Henderson, N. C.

30 Clubs—850 Members.

THE Convention of the North Carolina Federation, at Charlotte, will be a busy meeting. Some old questions must be considered and, perhaps, some perplexing new ones, and the Federation's young shoulders quake sometimes under the weight of self-imposed burdens.

Some who have been a tower of strength in the past, will not be present this year. A few discouraging things have taken place. As a balance to these, the Federation has received accessions in numbers and talent, and, if the natural enthusiasm of all young things can be restrained sufficiently to insure an even, steady progress, those in charge need fear no disaster.

For the most part, the departments have been at work, and that, too, along conservative lines.

THE PROGRAM for the Charlotte Convention is as follows:—

Wednesday morning at 10, May 2nd, the Convention will be called to order. Mrs. Eugene Reilley will give the address of welcome, and Miss Gertrude Weil, the response, which will be followed by the President's annual report and an address by Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Charleston, S. C., Corresponding Secretary of the General Federation. A memorial to Miss Claytor Candler will close the morning session.

Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 2:30, will be given up to reports from the State Officers, the Executive Board, and three-minute reports from Club Presidents.

Thursday morning will be devoted to the reports of the various Chairmen of Departments, each followed by open discussion, the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, and new business; while the afternoon session will be given up to the election of officers, report of Committee on Courtesies, and the meeting of the new Board of Directors.

At 9:30 Wednesday morning the present Board of Directors will meet, just before the opening of the Convention.

Tuesday evening, there will be a reception extended to the visiting delegates, at the home of Mrs. Eugene Reilley.

Wednesday night there will be a play and musicale, and Wednesday afternoon at 4:30, a reception at the home of Mrs. R. O. Alexander.

Thursday afternoon, at one o'clock, the delegates will visit Carnegie Library, at 5 o'clock a trolley ride will be tendered the delegates, followed by an *al fresco* party, and at 8:30 o'clock there will be a reception by the Southern Manufacturers' Club.

As has been announced before, lunch will be served at the place of meeting on Wednesday and Thursday.

CHAIRMEN OF LOCAL COMMITTEES.

Hospitality—Mrs. J. H. Halliburton,

Credentials—Mrs. W. L. Butt,

Program—Mrs. Hugh A. Murrill,

Music—Mrs. Charles C. Hook,

Transportation—Mrs. Eugene Reilley,

Badges—Mrs. F. C. Abbott,

Decoration—Mrs. W. G. Rogers.

WHY IS IT, that women's organizations are always pressed for funds? In a man's club, the minimum fee is a small dollar. We women try to run things for ten cents, and by the time the Year Books are printed, and some stationery and postage furnished the officers, the concern is bankrupt. The N. C. Federation was obliged to decline the offer of Mrs. Fox to address the Charlotte meeting on Parliamentary Law, and to hold much needed drills, for lack of a small sum toward her traveling expenses.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Florida to Mrs. J. S. Frederick, Miami, Manager.

President—Mrs. Richard F. Adams, Palatka.

Recording Secretary—Miss Kathryn Thorp, Daytona.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss May J. Crosby, San Mateo.

(21 Clubs—800 Members.)

THE ELEVENTH CONVENTION of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, met in Tampa, April 4th and 5th. The session began with the singing of the opening ode, written especially for the occasion, to the tune of "America." Prayer, by Rev. J. C. Anderson, followed, and then came a short, but very charming address of welcome, by Mrs. C. J. Huber, Pres. Club of Current Events—"The Hostess Club." The response was by Mrs. E. G. G. Munsell, Pres. Club Green Cove Springs.

The roll call revealed the following clubs as represented: V. I. A., Green Cove Springs; V. I. A., Orange City; Sycadia Cemetery Ass'n, Tarpon Springs; Palmetto Club, Daytona; Woman's Club, Jacksonville; Woman's Fortnightly Club, Palatka; V. I. A., San Mateo; V. I. A., Ormond; New Century Club, High Springs; V. I. A., Lake Como; L. A. C., Miami; Twentieth Century Club, Gainesville; Club Current Events, Tampa; Woman's Current Event Club, Live Oak; Progressive Culture Club, Titusville; Woman's Club, Tallahassee; Ladies' Friday Musical Club, Arcadia.

Secretary Miss Mary J. Crosby, of San Mateo, read her report, as did also the Treasurer, Mrs. Henry Brash, of Tampa, and the Auditor, Mrs. Kate Phillips, of Gainesville.

Mrs. W. W. Cummer, of Jacksonville, General Federation Secretary for Florida, who was not present, sent in her report, which was read by Mrs. Doty, of Jacksonville.

"The piece de resistance" of the morning session was the address of Mrs. R. F. Adams, of Palatka. "This lady," says the Tampa Herald, "is a close, logical reasoner, a fluent speaker, and a trenchant thinker. No more able, yet conservative, strong, altogether admirable line of argument on the benefits of Federation was ever listened to, by a more attentive, thoughtful and appreciative audience."

The following committees were appointed: Credentials Com.,—Miss Caruthers, Tampa; Mesdames C. B. Farrell, Live Oak; W. L. Lampkin, Fairfield, Jacksonville; Stevens, High Springs. Nom. Com.,—for delegates to Biennial, —Mesdames Raynor, Daytona; Rust, Orange City; Beekman, Tarpon Springs; Cockcroft, Lake Como. Com. on Resolutions—Mesdames Cobb, Tallahassee; Colcolough, Gainesville; Pinkerton, Ormond; Hollingsworth, Arcadia; Cloud, High Springs; Miss Brady, Titusville. Press Com.—Mesdames Frederick, Miami; Raynor, Daytona; Doty, Jacksonville; C. R. Hawk, Tampa.

Tellers for Election—Mesdames Franz, Jacksonville; Monroe, Titusville; Peelman, Ft. Myers.

Business was interspersed with charming music—songs by Miss Adams and Mrs. Stertzback, of Tampa, and an instrumental solo, by Miss Armstrong, were most delightfully rendered.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:30 o'clock; The report of the Educational Committee was made; this report was of great interest to the public generally, covering, as it does, subjects in which all were interested. The Reciprocity Committee report was made by Mrs. Frederick. This report showed that among the new papers in the Bureau were three of the prize essays from the State Fair contest held in Tampa last fall. Mrs. E. A. Hill, chairman of the Social Purity committee, presented a most striking report. Mrs. Heebner, chairman of the Bird Protection committee, read her report, presenting many interesting facts to the Convention. The Forestry Committee, through Mrs. Shackelford, of Tallahassee, also made a very interesting report.

Following these reports, Miss Chaires, in charge of the Kindergarten department of the Woman's College, of Tallahassee, made an eloquent appeal to the Federation to endow a scholarship in the Kindergarten department of the College. A number of the delegates agreed to her proposition to give \$5.00 for two years, which money would be returned by recipients, to the college, thus forming a perpetual scholarship.

After the report of the Social Purity Committee, a question was raised as to whether there was an institution for the rescue of girls in Florida. Mrs. Huber stated there was such a home in Tampa, the Hepsibah Association kept open the "Door of Hope," and that within the last week this Association had made its second payment of \$1000.00, and that only one other payment remained to be made upon the institution. This payment was made entirely by the women of Tampa, and that within another month another would be made, making a total of \$3,600.00.

On hearing this, it was voted unanimously that a collection would be taken up for the benefit of the Door of Hope.

Animated discussion followed each report.

An interesting period was passed listening to the report of the Household Economics Committee. This report was made by Miss Grace Manlove, of Cocanut Grove, and in her absence was read by Mrs. Huber. It proved of great value to the Federation, as well as a source of considerable amusement.

The Library Extension Committee made its report through Mrs. I. Ware, and showed that great progress had been made in extending libraries throughout the State, as well as unabated zeal in the work for the coming year. Reports from the federated clubs followed, all of which evinced great earnestness of purpose in carrying out the general work of the Federation. That evening a brilliant reception was given in honor of the Federation, and a most charming event it proved, bringing together, as it did, a number of Florida's most charming and cultured women. The auditorium of the Elks' Club was the scene of the delightful occasion. Bright nasturtium blossoms and feathery ferns emphasized the Federation colors, and a generous profusion of red and white roses gracefully bore out the colors of the Hostess Club. The features of the entertainment consisted of music and

recitations. Fruit punch was passed during the evening, and the dainty refreshments were served by charming young girls. The receiving line included some of the most distinguished women in social and club life throughout the "Land of Flowers."

The morning session was called to order at 9 o'clock, and after reading of the minutes, the report of the Nominating Committee for delegates to the Biennial was filed. They were as follows: Mrs. O. G. Saxton, Tampa; Mrs. Heebner, Orange City; Mrs. Reed, Daytona; Mrs. Ware, High Springs. The report of the work from the KEYSTONE was read by Mrs. J. S. Frederick, the official representative of that journal. She placed the journal and its merits before the Convention in the most enthusiastic manner, and urged that each club should do its duty in supporting the publication. She also read a letter from Miss Poppenheim, the editor of the KEYSTONE.

The Keystone and *The Bulletin* were offered together for seventy-five cents a year. A large number of subscriptions were taken.

Reports then were read from the remainder of the Clubs.

The Palmetto Club, of Daytona, proudly reported a valuable new Club house.

A collection was taken as previously voted for the Door of Hope, amounting to \$14.00, and Mrs. Sexton, in behalf of the Association, thanked the Federation.

Dr. J. G. Anderson, representative of the National Child Labor Committee, appeared before the convention and made a most interesting speech. He urged the Federation to exert their power in every possible manner towards securing the enactment in Florida of an adequate law. The Federation in an unanimous vote endorsed the speech and agreed to support the measure in every way.

The Woman's Club in Tallahassee, through Mrs. Shackelford, presented a most cordial invitation to the Federation to hold its next meeting in Tallahassee; the invitation was accepted.

Mrs. Frederick then asked that the attention of the Federation be called to the important subject of the Juvenile Court, and called on Mrs. Raynor to give an account of her experience in Denver, where she had met Judge Lindsey and had learned much from him of the great work in these courts. Mrs. Raynor took the floor and deeply interested the Federation in this subject, joining with Mrs. Frederick in urging the clubwomen to take up the matter. Mrs. Frederick then moved that each Club be urged to inform themselves so as to act effectively at the next State meeting; an unanimous vote resulted.

Miss Caruthers stated that President Brown of the State Fair Association, requested the Federation to name ten subjects for prize essays for next State Fair in Tampa. Referred to the Executive Board.

Mrs. Cobb moved that each delegate be requested to interest her Club in signing a memorial for the next Legislature for the protection of forest trees.

Mrs. Huber presented a motion requesting the Federation to endorse a bill to be presented to the next Legislature requiring every druggist to consult with prescribing physician before substituting an ingredient in a prescription.

Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock the delegates assembled and were taken on a trolley ride around the city and its suburbs. This great treat being tendered by Mrs. G.

A. Webb of Tampa, a special car was devoted to the service and as no stops were made the fifteen miles were whirled through in a most bewildering manner. One terminus was the Club House on the Bay and the ladies enjoyed walking through the grounds for a few moments.

The Federation did not come to order till four o'clock and most strenuous was the meeting from then until six.

The Woman's Club which is nonfederated was present by special invitation. After some charming music by the High School Orchestra, the Convention settled down to the discussion of the new constitution. After considerable argument it was adopted with a few slight changes chief among which was the striking out of the clause; "One Delegate may not represent more than one Club. The night session was held in the Presbyterian Church, the first number on the program was a most interesting address by Mrs. Clayton, Assistant Principle of the Tampa High School, on "The Weakest Links. "This was an earnest plea for better equipped teachers and better teaching in the lower grades.

Delegates to the Biennial were then elected as follows:

Mrs. O. G. Sexton, Tampa; Mrs. Heebner, Orange City; Mrs. Reed, Daytona; Mrs. I. Ware, High Springs. Alternates were Mrs. E. C. Harris, Tampa; Mrs. E. C. Rust, Orange City; Mrs. Payne, Daytona; and Mrs. Wood, High Springs. Greetings were received by telegram from Miss Poppenheim Corresponding Secretary of the General Federation, and from Mrs. M. T. James, President of the Missouri Federation. Committee on Resolutions reported through Mrs. Cobb as Chairman expressing thanks of the Federation to the hostess Club. The High School Orchestra, the Herald, Times and Tribune, the Elks, Mrs. Webb for her delightful trolley ride, Educational Committee, to the President and Officers for their efficient work so nobly done, that such a helpful and inspiring meeting was possible." Mrs. C. J. Huber, President Club of Current Events thanked the Convention for contributing two of the happiest days the Club had ever enjoyed.

This was responded to by Mrs. Adams, in behalf of the Federation. This closed the work of the Convention, and an adjournment was taken.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was then held.

The Federation badge was decided upon and the business handed over to the Executive Committee. The Federation motto decided upon was the one presented by Mrs. Raynor, of Daytona—"In Great Things Unity, In Small Things Liberty, In All Things Charity."

This completed the work of the Convention, pronounced by the *Times-Union*, of Jacksonville, to be "One of the best conducted State conventions ever held in Tampa."

Kismet.

BY CAMPBELL SCOTT.

[*Begun in April Keystone.*]

THE sun had passed the meridian when they all resumed their places; and as Gerald courteously acknowledged the presence of his companions in passing, he noticed that the young lady had removed her veil, and recognized with a start, scarcely controlled, the original of the photograph in his cousin's album, Miss Crawford!

"Eureka!" he exclaimed, under his breath, "the fates are truly propitious!" and he climbed up to his seat, quite a happy man, in contemplation of, he trusted a speedy acquaintance.

As the shadows lengthened the stage entered a defile in some spur of the mountains, high above them towered the rocks, making a "dim religious light," in their silent grandeur. What a monotonous contrast their grim steadfastness was to the unceasing motion of the changeable, restless sea—to the three travellers accustomed to the latter, the mountains suffered by comparison. Suddenly the silence was broken by the most unearthly yells, shots rang out from the bare sides of the rocks as it were, the driver toppled over shot through the brain; Mr. Newton's left arm was disabled and before Graham and the two older men inside could spring down, the stage was surrounded by a group of hideous looking savages. Gerald's pistol finished one and badly damaged another who was rushing upon him; one of the gentlemen who seemed to have charge of the ladies put another out of the world; but his companion less fortunate, or mayhap more so, was killed instantly by a ball through his heart. The women of the party had escaped so far, whether by accident or purpose remained yet to be seen. As the savages rushed upon the three men, Gerald's pistol killed a fourth; Mr. Newton, in spite of his broken arm, managed to do his duty by a fifth, leaving five yet to be attended to. The affrighted women had uttered no sound during this terrible time, but sat with blanched faces and almost paralyzed limbs; the whole affair had occupied only a few seconds, but as the disgusting face of a leering Indian appeared upon her side of the vehicle Helen sprang out at the other. Her mother less agile was roughly pulled out.

Gerald was springing forward, when a strapping warrior who had stepped up behind him threw a lasso over his arms, and jerked him violently to the ground; the other two men were treated in the same way.

Oh! how he ground his teeth, and struggled in impotent rage. Only affording amusement to his grinning foes. Wishing he had done more said something and forgetting that there had been no opportunity of even speaking, the ladies having, when they had stopped for refreshments remained close in the little inn.

The hands of Helen and Mrs. Crawford were bound with withes and they were put in charge of one of the Indians, while the remaining four proceeded to loot the stage.

Why they had not been killed at once they could only wonder, and surmise that a more terrible and lingering death awaited them. The captives could only look at each other; words were useless because vain, under the appalling catastrophe which had befallen them. Mrs. Crawford and Helen were put upon two of the horses, the men were motioned to walk.

"Ladies," called Gerald, "be assured that if by God's mercy and help, we can manage in any way to succor you we will do so."

A savage blow that stunned him for awhile put an end to any attempt to communicate with each other. The little party started off. Some two hours tramp of toilsome stumbling brought them to a gap in the cañon; through this the Indians defiled; after a mile or so further they halted and after a consultation among themselves, evidently decided to pass the night there. Newton, although suffering much with his broken arm, had displayed great fortitude and had endeavored to keep alert, trying to understand their

jargon: he having had a little experience that way in trading with some of the tribes. "The red devils are afraid of something," began he—but a forcible reminder silenced him and made him also realize 'twas wise to keep quiet.

There was some undergrowth here, and after a good many precautions a fire was kindled in a spot the least likely to attract notice, and most grateful was its warmth to the miserable human beings huddled around it. The place was familiar to the Indians, they immediately going to a little spring and the captives were allowed to drink of the water, and some of their own provisions thrown to them.

The usual abstemiousness in regard to food with which their race is accredited seemed to have deserted the Indians upon this occasion, and the dusky braves proved veritable gourmands in their keen enjoyment of the good things which they had found stored in one of the compartments of the stage, and which must have been intended for some hotel or restaurant.

No thought of their dead friends or dead foes seemed to disturb their unwonted carnival, and whatever different phase of disposition the morrow might evolve, to-night they were in good humor with themselves, and contented with keeping a close watch over their captives. Fortunately there was no liquor, and after they had satisfied themselves, one of them hauled forward Gerald's case, and began investigating its contents.

These were of course strange to them, and it was amusing to notice the reception which some of the articles met with. Sometimes a stopper would fly out or some unpleasant odor or vapor give forth and the grimaces of the big fellows were more like monkeys than men: One at last got hold of an atomizer, and the delicate perfume spraying over him proved quite a source of gratification; it was passed around, and each took his turn, but with a saturnine smile and a deprecatory glance in the direction of the prisoners as if ashamed of such levity.

How Gerald's heart beat and how he lifted up his heart fervently to God, when he saw them unstop the vial of chloroform!

"Oh! if they would only inhale that! Would God be merciful and let them do so?" One fellow put the bottle to his nostrils, frowned—tried it again—seemed to fancy the sweetish odor, passed it to the next one, until each had taken a good inhalation; oh! if the one by him could only follow suit! the subtle essence penetrated to where they were, and at last God be praised! he too stepped forward and took a deep inspiration.

O, woman! thy sex is by no means singular in the fault of curiosity! One expressive glance from Helen showed him that she fully appreciated the comic element that had entered so unexpectedly into the tragedy of their situation.

Gradually drowsiness stole over the men; each tried to resist the somniferous effects of the drug, but ere long the five men were wrapped in quiet slumber. Oh, that it might prove deep enough to enable the prisoners to attempt to get loose from their bonds!

Gerald tugged and struggled at his with all his might, so did Mr. Morgan, the ladies' protector, while poor Newton, in agony with his shattered arm, groaned, and spluttered, but was game all of the time.

"Oh, that I could get at the red devils!" (his favorite appellation for them), "they'd certainly enjoy a long, sweet sleep."

"Patience, my friend," answered Graham, "if ever I can gnaw this leather I'll do what I can for you, and for them." Ah! said Mr. Morgan, I'd like to get even with them, for the sake of my dear friend Weyman and the poor stage driver!"

Mrs. Crawford and Helen said little; but each was trying to help the other free her hands, and being less tightly bound Helen managed at last to slip her slender wrists through, and immediately with determined air, but in manifest trepidation ventured near the smoldering fire, and to her joy found a hunter's knife!

Her mother was soon at liberty, and then they turned at once to the helpless men; and after much trial of strength the leather was at last cut and Mr. Morgan then soon had the other two released. The mother and daughter had kept singularly calm and quiet during all of the trying time; now that they were able to move about once more they succumbed for a while to a little outburst of natural affection and thankfulness, but were soon ready to see what could be done to alleviate the pain of the shattered arm. Gerald took the bottle of chloroform and went toward the sleepers. stooping over one, an involuntary exclamation escaped him; looking toward the others, "heart trouble here; this fellow is as dead as a door nail."

"Accommodate the rest with as speedy a translation, friend Graham," growled Newton. "I doubt the translation, but will try the transition."

"At any rate I will make them outrival the far-famed seven sleepers, but I couldn't in spite of knowing well what they would do for me, commit outright murder. I think," said he, "they will hardly awake before to-morrow night, if then."

The party advanced to the fire, keeping a respectful distance from the sleeping Indians. "Now let us away, as soon as possible," said Mr. Morgan.

Which way was the question.

"Better follow the little stream that issues from the spring as far as we can; it may lead to a larger one, and we must have water, even if we have not food," was Newton's suggestion.

"Ladies," said Graham, introducing himself, "there is still some food left, let us fortify ourselves with that before we start, and then we will trust to being guided out of our trouble, promising to do all that we men can do for your safety and honor."

They did so, and then each stored away some provision about his person for future need and some vessels for water were also secured. Their destination had been westward, and by means of a late moon, the direction was indicated. How glad they were of the silvery beams which seemed to caress each one with a gentle benediction, and to point out with distinct distortion the pitfalls of their rugged way! The stream also had become a little river, and they kept along its rocky banks, not knowing but that it might lead to some Indian camp, but trusting that the Hand which had so specially and wonderfully guided and protected them thus far through dire peril would lead them safely to the desired end. All night they went forward, but by morning exhaustion asserted itself, no further could they go without rest. A little food was eaten, some cool water refreshed them, the men found a sheltered spot under some rocks for the women and notwithstanding the dangers which surrounded them, all lay down, and

"Tired Nature's sweet restorer"

came to their relief—and they were soon as sound asleep as if in a most luxurious bed. The day was well advanced when they awoke, a little food and water taken, and after due consultation there was nothing better to be proposed than to follow the river, hoping it would lead to a navigable one, or to some settlement along its banks.

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RECIPROCITY BUREAU.

(The Reciprocity Bureau acknowledges the receipt of the following Year Books and programmes, any of which will be sent to Clubs on application, when accompanied by postage for mailing the same.)

Chopin and Sacred Music. The Chamanade Club.

English Writers of 18th and 19th Centuries. The Literary Sorosis, Prosperity, S. C., 1906.

Miscellaneous Musical Program. The Music Club of Claremont, N. H., 1905-06, through Mrs. M. M. Freeman.

Sierra Club Bulletin. The Sky Line of the Tatoosh Range, Mt. Rainier, National Park.

Civic Primer, published by the Civic Committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

THE WASHINGTON STATE Federation of Women's Clubs has its program arranged for the session which will be held May 9, 10 and 11. It includes, in addition to the regular features, a number of others of special interest. The session will be held at Port Townsend, to which point the delegates must go by steamer, as there is no rail connection with this remote point. Spokane delegates will attempt to secure the next session for their city. The delegates will be given a visit to the United States fortifications which guard the entrance to Puget Sound, and will be given trips around the bay on one of the government vessels.

Miss Perkins of Concord, Mass. in renewing her subscription to the Keystone for 1906 says, "Of course she would not let this subscription expire, the coming of the Keystone is too great a pleasure.

The Keystone:

You will please find herein Post Office order which is for the Keystone, beginning March 1st. I have enjoyed the sample copy very much.

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 (Up-to-date notes.)

SEVERAL letters have asked this question, "Will there be room at St. Paul for the Club Woman who is not a delegate?" "Every day and every hour," is the reply. The great auditorium will seat nearly four thousand; probably fifteen hundred seats will accommodate delegates and alternates, estimating from past biennials, leaving much space for others. All are welcome, because every club woman either has been, or we hope will in the future be, a delegate. There is not a poor location in the armory, the galleries being especially desirable. Many inquiries have been made regarding the proposition set forth in the newspapers, of the Society of American Women, in London—a place of training for young women, similar to the Rhodes scholarships for college men. It is expected that Mrs. Webster Glynes, formerly Mrs. Ella Dietz Clymer, the Chairman of the original Advisory Board, which had in charge the organization of the General Federation, will be present and speak upon this interesting suggestion of our English members. Mrs. Glynes is well known and much beloved, and will be welcomed with pleasure.

SARAH S. PLATT-DECKER.

THE PLANS for the St. Paul Biennial are nearing completion. The Recording Secretary of the General Federation has sent out the call for the Biennial, with the proposed amendments to the Constitution, to all State Presidents, and to all Presidents of clubs holding direct membership in the General Federation; also cards of admission to the Council and special tickets for speakers and guests.

The Corresponding Secretary of the General Federation has sent out the credential cards and notices to delegates, to all State Presidents, Federation Secretaries and Presidents of clubs holding direct membership in the General Federation, making 1,720 delegates' credentials, as many alternates, and double that number of notices. All of this printed matter, from both secretaries, has been sent by first-class mail to guarantee its safety.

SIXTY-SEVEN NEW CLUBS have been admitted to the General Federation since the 1906 Directory has been published, and of these, 36 are clubs in Minnesota.

The Membership Committee has been obliged to turn back 15 clubs applying for membership after March 2nd. This is the first year that this new by-law has gone into effect, and its observance will save much work for the Credentials Committee, Membership Committee, and Treasurer, at the opening of the Biennial.

THE CHAIRMAN of the Transportation Committee, Mrs. Edward Buchwalter, announces that the Western Passenger Association, the Central Passenger Association, and the Southwestern Excursion Bureau have made the rate to St. Paul, from their territories, a round-trip ticket for one fare plus two dollars; while the Trunk Line and the Southeastern Passenger Association have given a rate of one full fare and one-third plus 25 cents, on the certificate plan. It is greatly to be regretted

that the Southern clubwomen have such poor rates, in comparison with the other sections. The Federations in this Southeastern territory are not as large, numerically, as those in the East and the West, nor are the treasuries as large; for this reason the difference in rates comes all the harder on the delegates from this section, and will effect the number of clubwomen in attendance.

ALL CLUBWOMEN residing in the territory south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers will be granted a fare of only one and one-third plus 25 cents. Be sure and inquire of your local ticket agent before purchasing ticket, so that you may get this certificate plan rate. You must have your certificate from your local agent in order to secure this reduction.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE, Mrs. J. E. Cowles, reports the program about completed, and the proof is now being corrected. The general outline of the program has already been published in *The Keystone*.

THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE has decided upon the following program for its session, which will take place on Monday, June 4th. Report of the Chairman, Mrs. Wm. Thayer Brown, at 11 o'clock, followed by an address *The Spirit of Literature*, by Prof. T. H. Clark, of the University of Chicago. The Conference will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the following program:

1. "Is the Club a Place for Serious Study or for General Culture?"—Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Charleston, S. C.
2. "Is an Expert Program Preferable to One Prepared by Members?"—Miss Dotha Stone Pinneo, Norwalk, Conn.
3. "Should the Purely Literary Club be a Limited Club?"—Mrs. Grace W. Ross, Portland, Oregon.

The following prominent Club women have consented to take part in the discussion which will take place after these papers: Mrs. May Alden Ward, Massachusetts; Mrs. J. E. Cowles, California; Mrs. Demies Denison, New York; Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, South Carolina; Mrs. Coonley Ward, Illinois; Miss Helen Winslow, Massachusetts; Mrs. Henry Burnett, Kentucky; Mrs. N. F. Thompson, Illinois.

THE PLAN for State exhibits proposed by Mrs. Coonley Ward, one of the members of the Biennial Committee, is meeting with great interest. Mrs. Ward has a room 40x80 feet at her disposal for this purpose. The plan is for each State to make a sort of Arts and Crafts exhibit, if possible. Mrs. Ward suggests an exhibit of native products, not only what women have made or invented, but articles that are distinctly useful to women—the homespun materials of Kentucky, Tennessee and the Carolinas, and the basketry of North and South Carolina, etc.

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(UP-TO-DATE NOTES.)

FLORIDA DIVISION: All communications for the Florida Division for *The Keystone* should be sent to the Official Correspondent, Mrs. John R. Nolan, Jacksonville, Fla.

The Annual Convention of the Florida Division, Mrs. H. E. Stockbridge, presiding, will be held in Orlando, May 2-5th. An unusually large attendance is expected.

Never has there been a more prosperous administration for the Division—new chapters are forming, and the ranks of the older chapters are greatly increased.

Florida Division numbers 28 chapters, with 1,050 members. The latest Chapter formed is "The Joe Wheeler No. 959," chartered Feb. 14th, 1906—32 members. Correspondence with reference to organizing chapters is being held with St. Petersburg, Durant, Westville, Fort Pierce and Lake Butler.

The students of Lake City and of Tallahassee schools are manifesting great interest in a competitive essay for the U. D. C. medal. The subject of the essay is "Robert E. Lee," and several essays have been entered from each school. Mrs. John W. Tench is Chairman of the Historical Essay Committee.

The Orlando Convention will close the second term of our beloved and esteemed Mrs. H. E. Stockbridge, whose able administration has fully proved the wisdom of her selection for the Presidency of the Florida Division.

M. L. NOLAND.

THE U. D. C. HISTORICAL subjects for the prize essay offered for competition to the students of Columbia University, New York, are as follows:

1. The Economic Causes of the Secession in 1861.
2. Industrial Conditions of the South before the *War Between the States*.
3. The Status of Education in the South prior to the *War Between the States*.
4. Anti-Slavery Sentiment in Virginia during the 18th Century.
5. The Constitutional History of the Confederacy.

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OWING to the protracted illness and death of a son of our President, Mrs. McKenney, she has not been able to give her correspondence her personal supervision for some time, but will now give all matters under consideration careful attention.

Our ever active Fourth Vice President, Mrs. Cabell Smith, of Rocky Mount, Va., has inaugurated a movement which will insure the Daughters of the Confederacy representation at the Jamestown Exposition. Her plan has the approval of the President, and we are sure will meet with hearty support from all Chapters.

We learn that McComas Chapter, Pearisburg, is anticipating quite a gala day on the 14th of May, when the people of Giles county celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of that county. There will be a reunion of the Veterans of the county, and others from Giles who have moved to other counties and states. The Daughters of the Confederacy expect to entertain the Veterans on that day, and are looking forward to it with much pleasure and enthusiasm.

MRS. W. PRYOR JONES.

AT THE APRIL MEETING of the Richmond, Va., Chapter, the Chapter decided to decline to give its endorsement to Mrs. Martha S. Gielow's educational movement, and to use money given by it for the purpose of education to the children of poor parents in the Virginia mountains.

TO THE KEYSTONE:

AT the last meeting of the Loudon Chapter of the U. D. C., great interest was manifested in a monument which they are endeavoring to erect to the memory of a number of Loudon's best and bravest citizens who fell in the War between the States. I was directed by the President of the Chapter, Mrs. Stirling Murray, to write and ask if you would kindly give a place in your delightful paper to this notice. I wish to say that *any contribution would be most gratefully received* by the Loudon Chapter, for the purpose referred to. A very good beginning has been made, but we need assistance; though, in these days when there are so many calls on the kindness of individuals, I do this with considerable hesitation.

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THE SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION, U. D. C., are vitally interested in the State Confederate Veteran Reunion in Columbia, May 16th-18th. The local Chapter of the U. D. C. the Wade Hampton Chapter, should receive the heartiest support and assistance, in their work for the Veterans, from the chapters generally throughout the State. This idea is in conformity with the resolution passed at the Johnstons Convention, "That the U. D. C. Chapters of South Carolina contribute annually to raise a sum to help entertain the Veterans at some central city of the State; the U. D. C. of that city to manage the fund and look after the comfort of the Veterans. This is State Division co-operative work, and all chapters should make an effort to contribute something to this fund. Chapters are requested to notify Mrs. Julia K. Campbell, of Chester, Chairman Reunion Committee, of the amount they will contribute for this purpose, and to send a check for same to Miss Mary McMichael, Orangeburg, S. C., Treasurer S. C. Division U. D. C. Let this work for the living Veterans be one of love and cheerful giving.

MARY B. POPPENHEIM,
President South Carolina Division, U. D. C.

THE RE-UNION COMMITTEE of the Division, Mrs. Julia K. Campbell, Chester, Chairman, reports that the chapters are making a very generous response towards the Division Fund for the re-union. The following is the list of chapters making pledges and sending money for this purpose: Charleston, \$25; Orangeburg, \$20; Cheraw, \$6.50; Chester, \$5.00; R. E. Lee, Anderson, \$5.00; Florence, \$5.00; Jonesville, \$5.00; Yorkville, \$5.00; Pinopolis, \$4.00; Greenwood, \$2.50; Edisto Island, \$1.00. Total up to April 20th, \$84.00.

Doubtless many other chapters will be heard from in the next few weeks, and the Division Fund will represent a suitable sum to hand over to the Local Chapter in Columbia, towards the expenses for the State Veteran Re-union.

THE ST. MATTHEWS Chapter reports that they are growing—having two dozen members who evince great interest in the work, and who attend the meetings regularly. In the near future the Chapter expects to give a play and is perfecting arrangements for celebrating Memorial Day. The following are the officers of this new South Carolina Chapter: President, Miss Edythe Loryea; Vice-Presidents—1st, Mrs. W. S. Murray; 2nd, Mrs. T. H. Dreher; 3rd, Mrs. C. R. James; Recording Secretary, Miss Ida Wells; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Baxter; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Mairett; Historian, Miss Hallie Murray.

THE MOSES WOOD CHAPTER, GAFFNEY, has reported to the President of the South Carolina Division, that

they have decided to hold together and take a new lease upon life. An encouraging and hopeful letter from its Secretary, Mrs. W. F. Brown, gives information that is convincing that this Chapter is alive again, and ready to march in the ranks with its sister South Carolina chapters. The officers for this year are: Mrs. A. E. Lipscomb, President; Mrs. J. D. Gondelock, Vice-President; Mrs. W. F. Brown, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. B. R. Brown, Historian. Membership, 10.

THE HISTORICAL STUDENT will find the following a helpful suggestion:

"In observing the efforts to present the facts of American history in the various ways I have not seen any notice of an article in the *News and Courier* Centennial Edition called 'A Brief Retrospect,' by the Law Professor at the South Carolina College, J. D. Pope, one of the best of its kind for those who have not time for detailed study."

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Book Reviews.

LADY BALTIMORE, by Owen Wister is one of the most popular books of the month. Mr. Wister's fine workmanship, high literary skill and graceful literary style always ensure for him a friendly public and from the standpoint of an interesting, amusing, whimsical story full of humor and a mild satire, Lady Baltimore will rank among the best fiction of the day. Whether it gives a true picture of the life and characteristics of the historic Southern town it is supposed to embalm in the amber of literature is a debatable question.

Dear old ladies, charming and unsophisticated girls who serve in Woman's Exchanges, dreamy and introspective young men possibly may be found in every American town with a colonial and revolutionary history to build upon, but these charming characters offset by the "yellow rich" who may be found everywhere are only types which make good reading.

We cannot but regret that the clever Philadelphian did not find a place in his story for some people of "Kingsport" who were not very young or quite old or very newly rich, delightfully cultured, well read people of the world who escape the pitfalls of great riches and the provincialism of great poverty and limited opportunities. Happily this type is also quite a common one in American life and is found in the majority even in "Kingsport" and they surely may be accorded a dominating factor wherever they are found.

Possibly Mr. Wister found in his Kingsport just what he was prepared to find and what he was looking for. What really exists there to day is another story and may yet be written by some one who although no more intentionally sympathetic than the author of Lady Baltimore may yet be of such a temperament as to better comprehend the true life of a quiet, conservative yet keenly alive and resourceful Southern City.

The Mac Millan Company, New York. 406 pp. Cloth \$1.50.

"TRAVEL in Europe" by Harriet Bernhard Clapp is an interesting outline, suggesting what is best worth while seeing in a general European trip and how to see it most intelligently. Besides giving the special points of interest, Miss Clapp adds a list of books to read in connection with the special countries. The Chapters are *The Literary Shrines in England and Scotland*, and *the Cathedral Towns*, and "Continental Thoroughfares." Miss Clapp has had much experience in European travel and gives practical suggestions.

Address: Harriet B. Clapp, 2 Studio Building, 37 West 22nd St. New York City.

"PIGS IS PIGS," by Ellis Parker Butler is an amusing little story in which an old Irish Express agent has much trouble in discriminating between *pigs* and *Guinea pigs*. The story is told in a most humorous manner and the complications arising in the Express office on account of holding the *Guinea pigs* for freight are very comical.

The little book has only 37 pages and the illustrations are very well done. McClure Phillips and Company, New York City.

"THE NORTH CAROLINA BOOKLET" for April contains very interesting material, especially the article by Rt. Rev. J. B. Cheshire on *The First Settlers in North Carolina, not Religious Refugees*.

This publication is issued quarterly at Raleigh, N. C. and is published by the North Carolina Society of the Daughters of the Revolution with Mrs. E. E. Moffit and Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton as Editors.

Each booklet contains three articles and the cost is only \$1.00 per year.

This publication should be in the hands of all Southern people, especially those in North Carolina. The North Carolina Society of the Daughters of the Revolution are to be commended for their efforts in this direction in the preservation of the history of North Carolina, and they should be encouraged by liberal subscription lists.

"LADS AND LASSES OF OTHER DAYS," by Lillian L. Price, of the Normal and Training School of Newark, N. J. is a collection of historical stories intended for children, five of which appeared some time ago in St. Nicholas. The lads and lasses belong to the Colonial and Revolutionary period principally in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The stories are told in simple, direct language and will appeal to the average child, boy or girl. Such stories as these with Southern heroes and heroines would be of special interest to our Southern boys and girls, and would prove valuable as a secondary reader in connection with the study of history in school. The present volume is attractively illustrated.

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"LOVE'S WAY IN DIXIE," by Katherine Hopkins Chapman, is a collection of short love stories, dealing with Southern life in a most attractive manner. Mrs. Chapman is the wife of Dr. Jno. S. Chapman, of Selma, Ala., and has written a great deal for periodical literature. She has selected as the theme of this collection of short stories incidents in the lives of refined Southern people and she manages that most difficult of literary efforts, "the short story," with a grace and ease that suggest the masterly style of George Hibbard.

Mrs. Chapman may be counted among the many clever Southern women who are making a place for themselves in American fiction. Neale Publishing Company, New York, \$1.25.

"SELECTED POEMS AND TALES OF EDGAR ALLEN POE,"

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"THE IMPROVEMENT OF COLUMBIA, S. C." an interesting booklet containing a report on the improvement of the City of Columbia, prepared at the request of the Civic League by the expert Landscape artists Kelsey and Guild has been received by *The Keystone*. This valuable booklet contains many interesting items in regard to the development of a Southern City.

Mr. W. W. Ashe, the well known botanist of Raleigh, assisted in making a survey of the streets and in determining the botanical nomenclature of the native trees. The suggestion made in this volume could be applied to many communities. The Columbia Civic League deserve great credit for their enterprise in getting up this publication and every Civic League in South Carolina should have a copy of this pamphlet.

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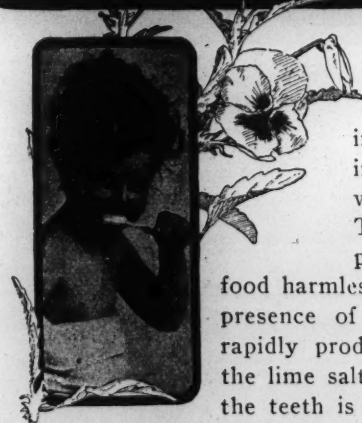
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